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Atty. Docket: 8266-0371 }
Applicants: Metz, et al. }
Title: MEDICAL DEVICE }
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Serial No.: 09/629,524 }
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RESPONSE TO FOURTH OFFICIAL ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of November 5, 2002, please amend the above-noted application as indicated below and consider the remarks found herein. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, a version of the claims as amended is submitted herein, and a marked up version showing the amendments to the claims is submitted contemporaneously herewith as ATTACHMENT A.



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Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	54	87	0	\$18	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	7	13	0	\$84	\$0
If applicant has small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.			SMALL ENTITY TOTAL	NO	\$0
TOTAL FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS					\$0

An Extension of Time for _____ month(s) is hereby requested
under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The required fee for filing this extension is: _____

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TOTAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

\$0

A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the total fee for this
amendment is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during the prosecution of this application, or credit of any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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